NEWSLETTER

North Pole Elementary School

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

One of the major concerns of parents nationwide, according to polls and research, is discipline in our schools. This was also a very important issue in a survey of Fairbanks parents and residents.

We hope that you aresatisfied with the handling of discipline in our school. It is one of our primary concerns. We have a strong basic staff who strive to maintain a positive working atmosphere and do not permit disruptive behavior in their rooms, in the building or on the playground. It is our philosophy that very little learning or teaching can occur if student control is not maintained at all times. We also feel that students are more secure and happier if we maintain a good working relationship.

Our school has developed and published School Rules and Student Rights and Responsibilities which are posted in every room and have been reviewed with the students by their teachers.

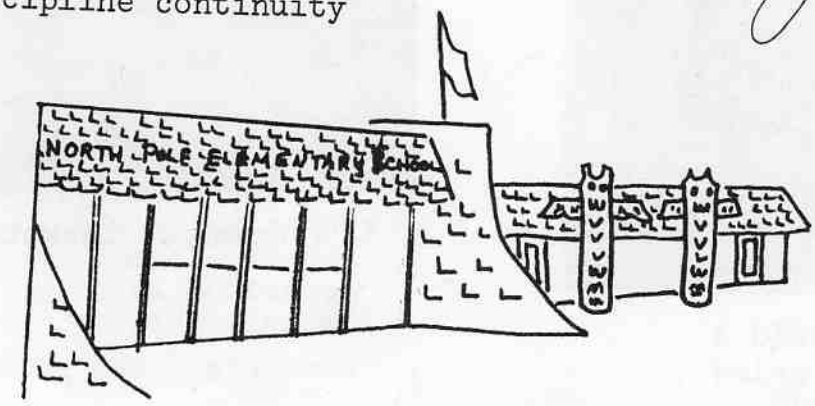
A very important factor in maintaining discipline continuity is the cooperation and backing of parents. When a problem does occur with a student, the teacher attempts to solve it within their own room. If the problem continues, then I get directly involved by conferencing with the student and advising both the student and teacher on solutions. Punishment very rarely occurs on a first offense, however, a student is cautioned that another infraction will result in some type of punishment and/or parental contact.

Be assured that my first priority is to be fair with students and to hear their side of the problem.* It has always been my philosophy to develop healthy respect for the principal and not fear. I feel that greater growth and maturity is the result.

* However, it is emphasized that poor behavior is not acceptable and is not fair to the teacher or other students.

Sincerely,

Joe H. Widman



STUDENT COUNCIL

The North Pole Student Council officers for the 1979/80 school year are:

President. . . . Sheri DeVore
Vice-Pres. . . . Lisa Bottasso
Secretary. . . . Cyndi Rybachek
Treasurer. . . . Liz Dahl

The function of our Student Council is to plan activities for the student body and to develop ideas and recommend the purchase of materials that will benefit our school.

Inaddition to student council officers, each intermediate classroom has a Room Representative who attends Student Council meetings. These representatives are:

Ms. Roger's room	Paul Tietz
Mrs. Oldham's room	Melissa Tompkins
Mr. Swanson's room	Sean Lyman
Mr. Shellinger's room	Lisa Cartner
Mr. Ahiers room	Candace Stime
Mrs. DAvis' room	Cacy Van Nostrand
Mrs. Milam's room	Janet Ballek
Mrs. Bohanan's room	Dawn Kuykendall
Mrs. Brenner's room	Aaron Carlson
Mr. Warnke's room	Lisa Adkins
Mrs. McSpadden's room	Penny Chamberland

The Room Representatives take classroom ideas to the Student Council and help with school activities.

Student Council Members

INTRAMURAL PROGRAM

North Pole Elementary School has an ongoing intramural program throughout the school year.

During September and October cross-country running competition ends with an all school boys and girls run. Also, during September and October, 6th grade flag football teams play every noon.

Starting in November, intramural boys and girls basketball is played during the noon hour. Basketball continues until March and will involve both the 5th and 6th grades.

In December, final competition in handball is played. Boys and girls champions are determined for the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

In February and March, there is cross country skiing, soccer and ice skating races.

In April and May, softball and field day track competition occurs.

Intramural Basketball

1st SEMESTER SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

Intermediate students received scholastic awards at a school assembly on January 25th. Those who qualified for the "A" Honor Roll were:

4th Grade -

Mike Orenstein	Greg King
Whitney Bruno	Vinna Kannenberg
Melissa Tompkins	Lisa Cartner
Alicia Williams	Michelle Jewkes
Beth Elam	Jason Winer

5th Grade -

Janet Ballek	Laura Holladay
Robert Puckett	Deanna Cobb
Dawn Kuykendall	Lisa Hartrich
Bobby Dubia	

6th Grade -

Trudie Fankhauser	Dawson Tozier
Beth Davis	Amy Brado
Aaron Carlson	Doris Oehring

Students who achieved "B" Honor Roll status were:

4th Grade -

Kimberly Hutchens	Jeff Sanders
Paul Tietz	Liz Dahl
William Hubler	Sally Walczyk
Derric Hanson	Julia Perusich
Renee Winslow	Annette Hubler
Brett Campbell	Clifford Sandbo
Shayla Finley	Yvette Curtis
Kevin Hilbert	Lea Villarreal
Jay Lawless	Sean Lyman
Jennifer Manning	Kevin Harvey
Skip Jantz	

5th Grade -

Christina Krack	Tye Sumpter
Erich Lyman	Jennifer Butcher
Shawn Alexander	Angela Buoncore
Dana Melton	Kim Wiersum
Peggy Miller	Tony Martin
Cale Bergh	Steven Villa
Sheryl Copeland	Kimberly Blankenship
Miles Cannon	Cyndi Rybachek
Mandi O'Driscoll	Kelly Stuhr
Mike Raymond	

6th Grade -

Lisa Adkins	David Fraser
Debbie Brojakowski	Alicia Gelinas
Sheila Helton	Cathy Waterbury
Sheri DeVore	Juana Garland
Shirley Murphy	Lisa Bottasso
Marla Johnson	Larissa Ivanoff

Congratulations to these students and parents.

"A" Honor Roll Students

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DISTAR I includes prereading activities associated with beginning decoding, work with symbol identification, rhyming, sound blending and comprehension activities in a carefully programmed sequence.

We feel this proven phonetic approach, which emphasizes word attack skills, has much to do with the success of our students in later grades and standardized tests.

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RECORDER CLASSES

All 4th Grade students are being introduced to instrumental music by playing the recorders. They are learning to read music, follow a conductor and assume the correct playing position.

During the 3rd quarter these students will be introduced to the various band instruments. Then during our last two months of school the 4th grade students will actually begin playing various instruments so that they can make a decision as to which instrument they want to play, if any, in our intermediate instrumental music program.

Mr. Shellinger's 4th grade recorder class performing at the Christmas program.

FEBRUARY IS MS
READ-a-thon MONTH

M S READATHON

The Fairbanks School District will again sponsor the MS Readathon in February. This activity promotes reading and helps raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

Specific information will be sent to the parents in late January. If you need more information contact Freda Russell at the Elementary School.

Top Ten Boys and Girls Cross Country Runners

Our Nurse, Mrs. Fraser, helps our school in many ways.